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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO PRESIDENT SADAT

REF: STATE 19645

1. AFTER SPENDING OVER THREE HOURS AT POLICE ACADEMY CEREMONY, I WAS FINALLY ABLE MEET WITH SADAT FOR QUARTER OF AN HOUR. I TOLD HIM PRESIDENT CARTER IS PLEASED ABOUT HIS WILLINGNESS TO COME AND SUGGESTS WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 4-5 FOR VISIT.

2. AFTER THINKING ABOUT IT FOR FEW MINUTES, SADAT SAID THESE DATES ARE AGREEABLE. HE TENTATIVELY PLANS TO LEAVE CAIRO ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, FOR PARIS AND OVERNIGHT THERE. HE WILL PROCEED TO WASHINGTON ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, ARRIVING SOMETIME IN THE LATE AFTERNOON. HE WILL WANT TO REST THAT NIGHT IN WASHINGTON BEFORE PROCEEDING TO CAMP DAVID FOLLOWING MORNING.

3. ASKED IF HE HAD ANY IDEA WHO HE PLANS TO BRING ALONG, SADAT SAID FONMIN KAMEL WILL ACCOMPANY HIM. FOR A
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MOMENT, HE ALSO THOUGHT OF BRINGING VP MUBARAK, BUT CHANGED HIS MIND. (MUBARAK WILL PROCEED ON TOUR OF SAUDI ARABIA, GULF STATES AND JORDAN BEGINNING SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, BUT WILL BE BACK BEFORE SADAT'S DEPARTURE.) SADAT WILL ALSO BRING PRESIDENCY DIRECTOR AND OTHER MEMBERS OF PRESIDENCY STAFF. HE VOICED PERSONAL VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE BEST IF MRS. SADAT REMAINED HERE IN VIEW

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OF HER BUSY UNIVERSITY SCHEDULE, BUT NOTED WRYLY THAT SHE MAY HAVE SOME DIFFERENT THOUGHTS ABOUT THIS. WE AGREED THAT THESE DETAILS COULD BE WORKED OUT WITH HASSAN KAMEL AFTER VISIT IS ANNOUNCED.

4. RE ANNOUNCEMENT, SADAT SAID IT SHOULD BE A SIMULTANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENT IN WASHINGTON AND CAIRO. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT WE ARE TENTATIVELY THINKING OF ANNOUNCEMENT NOT EARLIER THAN JANUARY 26 OR 27. THIS IS AGREEABLE TO HIM. HE WILL AWAIT ADVANCE WORD FROM US SO THAT WE CAN COORDINATE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN BOTH CAPITALS. EILTS

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